



Department of  
Aging

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## NOTICE

ODA intends for the **state-funded component of the PASSPORT Program** to operate in the same manner as the Medicaid-funded component of the PASSPORT Program in terms of (1) provider certification, (2) covered services, and (3) consumer choices and responsibilities. However, the Ohio Administrative Code only regulates these three topics for the Medicaid-funded component program. Therefore, ODA is proposing to adopt new rules 173-40-04, 173-40-05, and 173-40-06 of the Administrative Code so that both the state-funded and Medicaid-funded components of the program operate in the same manner in terms of the three topics.

Section 173.40 of the Revised Code authorizes ODA to adopt rules for the state-funded component of the PASSPORT Program according to the process established under section 111.15 of the Revised Code, not section 119.03 of the Revised Code. Filing proposed new rules under section 111.15 of the Revised Code does not require ODA to conduct a public hearing. Nevertheless, ODA will conduct a public hearing to obtain comments concerning ODA's proposed new rules. ODA will conduct the hearing on **January 4, 2012** at 50 W. Broad Street, 10th floor; **Conference Room 10A**; Columbus, OH 43215. The hearing will begin at **11:00AM** and will continue until all parties in attendance at that time have had an opportunity to provide comment.

ODA will attempt to consolidate this public hearing with three other public hearings on January 4, 2012 to reduce the state's administrative expenses and to reduce the general public's costs associated with traveling to Columbus to participate in public hearings.

Any person may direct written comments or requests for information concerning the proposed actions to Tom Simmons, ODA's rules manager, on or before the date of the hearing by writing to [rules@age.state.oh.us](mailto:rules@age.state.oh.us).

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